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FM AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6594

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD EAGR MP

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA

REF: STATE 66941

1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO OBTAIN FROM LOCAL SUGAR INDUSTRY EXPERTS  
BY APRIL 6 DEADLINE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTTEL. THEY  
HAVE PROMISED TO PROVIDE PRECISE DATA WITHIN A FEW  
MORE DAYS. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY PROVIDES ESTIMATES BELOW BASED  
ON GENERAL OBSERVATION OF LOCAL SUGAR INDUSTRY PRICES AND  
PRACTICES.

2. AVERAGE PRODUCTION COSTS (IN U.S. CENTS PER POUND) OF  
SUGAR IN MAURITIUS: 14.8 CENTS PER POUND (ESTIMATE).

3. AVERAGE DOMESTIC PRICE PAID TO FARMERS (IN CENTS PER  
POUND): NOT YET AVAILABLE.

4. MECHANISM FOR DETERMINING PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS: THE  
MAURITIUS CENTRAL ARBITRATION AND CONTROL BOARD, AN ENTITY  
INDEPENDENT OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS,  
TESTS AND CERTIFIES SUGAR CONTENT OF EACH PRODUCER'S CANE. PRICE  
THEN ESTABLISHED BY BOARD BASED ON QUALITY AND REGION OF THE ISLAND  
IN WHICH IT IS PRODUCED. (SOME PARTS OF ISLAND GIVEN SLIGHT PREFER-  
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ENTIAL PRICE DUE TO ROUGHER TERRAIN AND SOIL CONDITIONS.)  
BOARD ALSO SETS PRICE BASED ON COMPLICATED FORMULA  
TIED TO EXPORT PRICE AND PRODUCTION COST FACTORS.

5. RETAIL CONSUMER PRICE: 3 CENTS (U.S.) PER POUND  
FOR "PLANTATION CRYSTAL WHITE" SUGAR. THIS PRICE HIGHLY  
SUBSIDIZED BY SUGAR INDUSTRY. AMOUNT CONSUMED ON LOCAL

MARKET WAS APPROXIMATELY 37,000 TONS IN 1976. A  
MINIMAL AMOUNT (ABOUT 3,000 TONS) OF RAW SUGAR IS SOLD  
LOCALLY AT A SIMILAR SUBSIDIZED PRICE.

6. (A) AVERAGE UNIT VALUE OF 1975 EXPORT SHIPMENTS:

24 CENTS (U.S.) ESTIMATE.

(B) AVERAGE UNIT VALUE OF 1976 EXPORT SHIPMENTS:

15.5 CENTS (U.S.) ESTIMATE.

7. LATEST PRICE RECEIVED FOR PREFERENTIAL (EEC-LOME  
CONVENTION) SHIPMENTS: AVERAGE OF 16 CENTS (U.S.) PER  
POUND (ESTIMATE).

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